Reflection 2

I started the week of September 12th looking for journal articles for the bibliography. Not as easy as I have hoped it would be. I can find quite a bit of information on what Web 2.0 sites to use and even a few that discuss how to use them. My biggest issue is locating ones that discuss the effectiveness of Web 2.0 or ones on the specific websites I am using for my internship. Many articles tend to list several top sites and give some brief information on the basics of the sites. I think I will shift gears a little and look for ones that give effectiveness and are generally related to my choices…ie edublogs to general blogging, animoto to general animation/photo sites.

The discussion of my internship project with the staff was very interesting. I can easily spot the novices versus the “tech geeks.” The geeks were anxious to get started and had never heard of panoramio or museum box. The novice reminded me of the students in class that didn’t know the answers: they tended to not make eye contact and acted like they were taking notes. A couple of high flyers in technology came to me the next day and had already started playing on the museum box site. Overall everyone was willing to help with the project and interested in the video tutorial idea. They liked the idea that they would have access to it from my Wiki so they could review them at home too.

Ok, honestly, the stills are very time consuming. The Edublog site has soooo many levels and it is difficult to grasp all of it for the novices. My video tutorial for them may be lengthy. It was made a little easier with the fact that they have an easy version button for beginners. I currently have 20 stills and haven’t complete a fully set-up blog yet. I am considering breaking it into two tutorials for novice, one to get registered and one to login and create a blog. Thoughts anyone? The expert one is very quick and easy. No trouble there.

Dr. Smyth, to answer your questions about the technology test: it has changed with the times. There are now several questions directly tied to Web 2.0 sites, especially Wikispaces. I could count at least 5 questions just on Wiki. The Google earth site and one called Crazy Talk (2d animation) was utilized in a best answer classroom situation. The test pushes application of technology with students more as well. The test questions focus on how the students could use the sites for projects and collaboration.